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(b) With a view to augment the promotion of marketing and sales, marketing and promotional programmes are under taken through publicity, participation in fairs, festival sale campaigns etc. Additionally, the Market Development Assistance Scheme helps in the marketing of coir and coir products.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) Approximately five lakh persons are engaged in the coir industry.

'Will' Service in Mainpuri, U.P.

† 1203. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased state:

(a) whether Shahjahanpur, a Kargil martyr Anjani's village situated in district Mainpuri of Uttar Pradesh would be linked through Wireless in Local Loop telephone services by March under the rural scheme on the basis of priority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, telephones would start functioning in this village?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, it is planed to connect Shahjajanpur village of Mainpuri district through underground cable with Ghiror Telephone Exchange. The work is in progress and telephone connections to this village are likely to be provided during the current financial year.

Recovery of loans Disbursed by KVIC

. 1204. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of loans amounting to Rs. 2315.51 crores disbursed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission up to March, 2000, about Rs. 1806.6 crore was pending for recovery as on March, 2000 and interest/penal interst recoverable and updated position of year-wise and loan-wise has been worked by the Commission;

(b) whether unsold stocks of KVIC increased from Rs. 30.96 crore in 1994-95 to Rs. 49.02 crore by the end of March, 2000;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.